

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	:	Alan Kessler
Appl. No.	:	10/789,892
Filed	:	February 26, 2004
For	:	SECUREMENT DEVICE FOR INDWELLING CATHETERS OR INTRODUCERS
Examiner	:	Theodore J. Stigell
Group Art Unit	:	3763

DECLARATION OF ALAN KESSLER UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 2327  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Sir:

I, Alan Kessler, M.D., do declare the following:

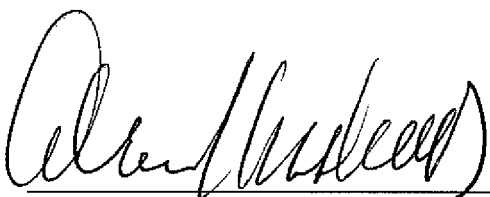
1. I am the named inventor of the above-identified United States patent application and president of Maddoc Medical Products, Inc.
2. I have assigned all of my rights to the above-identified United States patent application to Maddoc Medical Products, Inc. by an assignment recorded at Reel 017296/Frame 0184.
3. Maddoc Medical Products, Inc. granted an exclusive license to Venetec International, Inc. under the above-identified United States patent application.
4. I understand that in the Final Office Action mailed June 16, 2006 the Examiner made a rejection of Claim 30 relying on Bierman (U.S. Patent No. 5,855,591). I have reviewed this reference in preparing this Declaration.

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5. With regard to pending Claim 30, the elastically deformable upper support portion recited in the claim advantageously helps to maintain tension in the strand after the strand has been secured to the base. In devices having only an incompressible securement base, the securement base would not maintain tension in the strand. If tension in the strand is lessened, the strand may not inhibit unwanted movement of the medical device relative to the securement device.

6. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated: 11-13-06

By:   
Alan Kessler, M.D.

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**SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION - USA PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled SECUREMENT DEVICE FOR INDWELLING CATHETERS OR INTRODUCERS; the specification of which was filed on February 26, 2004 as Application Serial No. 10/789,892 and was amended on March 16, 2006.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;


I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56;

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Inventor's signature



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